is likely to help the oiverall corporate plan of the airline;

(d) whether all existing procedures and formalities are likely to be followed before declaring individual aircraft that will be out of operation; and

(e) the steps being taken to rpovide new aircraft in their place?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e). Yes, Sir. the Government have approved the proposals of Air India to roll-over aircraft after a life of ten years instead of the present practice of phasing out the aircraft after twently years. A more modern and younger fleet is expectede to be low on maintenance, better on aircaraft utilisation and 'on time' performance, and have better customer appeal. All transactions would be undertaken in conformity with the laid down procedures. Air India has drawn up a fleet renewal plan and would implement it in accordance with availability of aircraft and resources.

Pilots of Indian Air Lines

7203. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines pilots are not given permission to join other airlines including the Air-India; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Keeping in view the operational requirements of Indian Airlines and the lead time taken to train pilots, application of Pilots of Indian Airlines made to airlines other than Ari-Indian are generally not forwarded.

Beautification of Steel Cities

7204. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up long scheme to beautify the steel cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount proposed to be incurred thereon Steel-city wise; and

(c) the schemes drawn up thereon for 1992-93 financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). The integrated steel plants in the public sector viz. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) are undertaking schemes which fulfil the social, cultural and environmental requirements of the inhabitants so as to make their living in the township comfortable and productive. Outline of the programmers under implementation steel plant city-wise, during 1992-93 are given in the enclosed Statement.

STATEMENT

1. BHILAI STEEL PLAT:

A sum of Rs. 400 lakhs is proposed to be spent on works which include recarpetting of roads, painting and repainting of road siogn boards, widening of forest avenue, improvement of sewerage system, improvement of illumination, de-stilting of road side drains. development of public gardens etc.

2. DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT:

A sum of Rs.80 lakhs (approximantely) has been earmarked for works which included Mohan Kumar Mangalam park with

musical fountain, workers memorial, silver jubilee monument of Durgapur Steel Plant, installation of statue of Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru etc.

3. ROURKELA STEEL PLANT:

A sum of Rs. 45. lakhs is proposed to be spent on works which include integrated development of existing Indira Gandhi park, installation of Acuarium, renovation of existing lakes, setting up of bird Aviary, crocodile rearing centre etc.

4. BOKARAO STEEL PLANT:

A sum of Rs. 3133 lakhs has been earmarked for works which include development of city park, lake, rose garden, development of botanical garden, picnic spot, nursery, Khatel development programme to free township from cattle menace etc.

5. VISAKHAPATNAM STEEL PLANT;

The Visakhapatnam Steel Project is still under construction . A provision of Rs. 10 coroes has been provided in 1992-93 for new township out of which some amount wil be spent towards development of parks, play-grounds, road side plantation and lighting etc.

Re-classification of Marble

7205. SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to re-classify marble and granite as major minerals;

(b) if so, the basis on which the re-classification has been made;

(c) whether the Government of Rajasthan has opposed the move to re-classify those minerals as major minerals; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to reconsider the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Yes.

(d) In view of reply top (a) and (b), the question does not airse.

[*Translation*]

Regarding Sharing of Electricity from Maurakshi Dam by Bihar and West Bengal

7206. SHRI LALIT ORAON:
SHRI RAMDEW RAM:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) when the Maurakshi Dam agreement was signed between Bihar and West Bengal and the rates on which renewed and salinet features of the agreement;

(b) the percentage of share of share of power and water fixed in the agreement to be given to Bihar and Bengal from the dam;

(c) the installed power generation capacity of the Dam;

(d) the year-wise details of the power generated during the last five years and from this dam and the year-wise percentage share received by West Bengal and Bihar;

(e) whether less power was given to Bihar as against the terms of agreement